Closing of departments

†2951. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Expenditure Reforms Commission has expressed the possibility of savings by closing some departments;

(b) if so, the names of the departments and total annual savings likely to be made;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to utilize these departments into the profitable sectors instead of closing down these departments;

(d) if so, the final decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In so far as the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is concerned, final decision is yet to be taken by the Government.

Outstanding dues against private agencies

†2952. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private agencies owe to the Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the amount of dues in March, 1999, March, 2000 and March, 2001, agency-wise;

(c) since when the dues are pending; and

(d) the action taken for recovering the dues, agency-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Details are given in the statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.